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Sent: Fri 12/3/2010 11:33:30 AM
Subject: Re: Background regarding NatureServe Contract Support on Bristol Bay (request from Denise K)

Thanks. As to feedback re: the Gov, Denise suggested we ask Ann Campbell to ask. Has anyone done that?

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From: Palmer Hough
Sent: 12/02/2010 10:30 PM EST
To: David Evans; Brian Frazer
Cc: Christopher Hunter; Julia McCarthy; Phil North; Michael Szerlog; Jim Pendergast
Subject: Background regarding NatureServe Contract Support on Bristol Bay (request from Denise K)
Dave/Brian:

Per request from Denise, attached please find a one-pager that clearly lays out how and why R10 opted to contract with NatureServe to develop the BB Risk Analysis. As noted in the one-pager, R10 utilized an existing agency contract with NatureServe that was awarded in 2007 after a full and open competition. The one-pager also highlights NatureServe's reputation as a nonpartisan, nonprofit that is widely recognized as the nation's biodiversity experts. It's hard to imagine a more appropriate group to partner with for this work.

Please let us know if Denise has any lingering concerns regarding this issue.

Many thanks to Julia for putting this together.

I believe we have responded to all of the various follow-up items related to BB (i.e., potential resources needed matrix, "other" options analysis paper, and now the NatureServe contract background paper). R10 briefed the Administrator one month ago regarding its recommendations for a path forward. As you know the Administrator noted that she planned to discuss the issue with the Governor and would then provide us with her input. Have we heard any update regarding this discussion with the Governor? If there is anything else that staff can do at this point please let us know.

Thanks, Palmer

[attachment "Background on NatureServe 120110.doc" deleted by Jim Pendergast/DC/USEPA/US]

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